

To: Senate Chair and Senate Committee Members
Senate Natural Resources , Enviornment and Great Lakes Committee

Re: Amendments to 1994 PA 451

I am supportive of amendments to 1994 PA 451 suggested by T. Casperson.

I have for a long time been in question of the continual purchase of additional lands by the DNR, when we don't have the monies to maintain existing facilities.

From a public viewpoint, the land acquired only becomes more land with restricted access.

I feel this is the PUBLICS LAND, whether acquired by STATE FEE MONIES, OIL and GAS ROYALTIES, or FEDERAL FUNDS, it is still the PUBLICS LAND BOUGHT WITH PUBLIC MONEY.

I feel it is the DNR's responsibility to manage this land to the maximum availability of all people, while working to maintain its resources.

Ongoing and current DNR actions lead me to believe they want to preserve public lands by allowing minimum activities and when allowing activities, to put all in the same area without regard to safety. They now are in the process of creating classes of land that no one will be able to even walk on, I think this is pathetic.

I guess I need a few questions answered ?

1 - Is PUBLIC LAND BOUGHT AND PAID FOR WITH THE PUBLICS MONEY ?

2 - Is the DNR a STATE AGENCY paid for out of PUBLIC TAX MONIES ?

3 - Why isn't the STATE GOVERNMENT and the DNR working to PROVIDE
MAXIMUM

ACCESS FOR THE PUBLIC ?

4 - Would the Public, who is the DNR's employer not fire them and put a BUSINESS
MANAGER IN CHARGE who could make this great state resource PROFITABLE ?

In closing, I would say , WE DON'T NEED MORE LAND WE CANNOT USE OWNED
BY THE DNR (STATE) .

KEEP THE LAND IN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP WITH EQUITABLE TAXES.

THE MORE LAND STATE OWNED, THE WORSE OUR STATES FINANCES WILL BE

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully;

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